a proverb in Tamil : *Aanaipasiku sola pori*. That means, give a grain of corn to a starving elephant. What you have announced is a drop in the ocean. You have announced Rs. 10 lakhs. What is it ? And then you have announced Rs. 21.93 crores from the CRF. The statement of our hon. Minister simply says, "These funds would enable the State Governments to adequately meet the relief expenditure."

Madam, the State Government has demanded Rs. 530 crores. That is an under-assessed and under-estimated amount of relief. I want to give facts and figures. The total loss is about thousand crores of rupees worth of property and you are giving Rs. 21.93 crores. It may be due to the fact that the State Revenue Minister had made a statement that the amounts for relief measures, that is, essential commodities, dhoties, sarees and rice, were given from their party coffers, from the personal coffers of the Chief Minister, not from the Government coffers. It appeared in the press. So, the Central Government might have come to the conclusion that if the party itself is there to render assistance, the damage must be very small and they could meet the situation. Such an inference can be drawn. If the Revenue Minister makes a statement for three days that they have given it from the party coffers, what would people in Delhi think ? I am really very much worried about the situation because every day cholera deaths are reported from the hospitals in the three districts. When most of the areas of villages and towns are submerged and people cannot get a bucket of drinking water, I just recall S. T. Coleridge. "Water, water everywhere, not a drop to drink". Because proper precautionary measures were not taken deaths due to cholera were reported in every hospital in the last six months. Most of the cases are not reported. It has become a terrible problem. My friend Mr. Balaram, was referring to the amount of Rs. 5000. "What can people do ? How can they construct houses ?" With Rs. 5000 they cannot construct houses. That is a genuine grievance of the people of Kerala. But here in my State, Rs. 500, in some cases Rs. 250 is being given.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Now we have to adjourn the House for lunch. We will take up Calling Attention—further discussion—after lunch if the Members so agree.

The House then adjourned for lunch at thirty minutes past one of the clock.

The House reassembled after lunch at thirty five minutes past two of the clock.

The Vice-Chairman (Shrimati Jayanthi Natarajan) in the Chair.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN) : Hon. Members, with your leave, I call upon the Minister to introduce the Bill which was not done in the morning.

STATEMENT BY MINISTER

The circumstances which had necessitated immediate legislation by the Multimodal Transportation of Goods Ordinance, 1992

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : Madam, I beg to lay on the Table a statement (in English and Hindi) explaining the circumstances which had necessitated immediate legislation by the Multimodal Transportation of Goods Ordinance, 1992 [Placed in Library *See* No. LT-2791/92]

THE MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION OF GOODS BILL, 1992

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : Madam, I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill to provide for the regulation of the multimodal transportation of goods, from any place in India to a place outside India, on the basis of a multimodal transport contract and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER : Madam, I introduce the Bill.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN) : We will